

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on March 8, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 219, SB 290 & SB 259,

Executive Action: SB 176 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED 15-2
SB 290 BE CONCURRED IN 17-0
SB 75 TABLED 11-6

HEARING ON SB 219

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. MIGNON WATERMAN introduced the bill and offered an amendment **EXHIBIT**(huh52a01).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 1.7 - 7.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

Mr. Donald Harr, Montana Psychiatric Association. See **EXHIBIT**(huh52a02).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.3 - 10.3}

Dr. Gary Mihelish, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Montana, NAMI, distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh52a03).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.4 - 14.4}

Mr. Scott Burnham, University of Montana Employee, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a04).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.4 - 18.4}

Ms. Patty Roberts, Mother of a child with a mental illness.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.4 - 19.6}

Ms. Kathleen Driscoll-Donovan, Mother of a mentally ill child, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a05).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.6 - 23.2}

Ms. Nancy McLane, self.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.2 - 26.3}

Ms. Nancy Nicholson, mother of a child with a mental illness.
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3 - 28.3}

Ms. Cindy Dolan, NAMI, Great falls. **EXHIBIT**(huh52a06)
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.3 - 32.3}

Mr. Brian Garrity, Board of Directors for the Mental Health Association, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a07).
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 32.3 - 1:B:2.3}

Mr. John Cox, NAMI, Helena. **EXHIBIT**(huh52a08)
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.3 - 3.1}

Mr. Harry Grove, President of NAMI, Flathead.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 3.1 - 5}

Mr. Jacob Wagner, Consumer of Mental Health Services.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5 - 12}

Ms. Sandra Mihelish, mother of a child with a mental illness, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a09).

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12 - 13.4}

Ms. Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.4 - 13.9}

Mr. Chuck Butler, Blue Cross Blue Shield.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.9 - 15.2}

Dr. Nathan Munn, Montana Psychiatrists, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a10).

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.2 - 16}

Mr. Michael O'Neil, Golden Triangle Community Mental Health Center, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a11).

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16 - 16.6}

Ms. Andrea Merrill, Executive Director of the Mental Health Association of Montana, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a12).

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.6 - 20.1}

Ms. Claudia Clifford, State Auditor's Office.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.1 - 20.7}

Mr. Kip Smith, Montana Primary Care Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 20.7 - 21}

Ms. Myrian McCew, Montana Clinical Mental Health Association.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - 21.7}

Ms. Anita Roessmann, Montana Advocacy Program, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a13)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21.7 - 23}

Mr. Gene Haire, Executive Director of the Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a14)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23 - 23.9}

Mr. Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers and Executive Director of the Montana Advocacy Program.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.9 - 25.6}

Mr. Al V. Thomas, American Association of Retired People.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.6 - 25.9}

Mr. Andree Deligdisch, Chairman of the Children's Committee of the Mental Health Association of Montana, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a15).

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 25.9 - 27.2}

Ms. Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a16)
EXHIBIT(huh52a17) **EXHIBIT**(huh52a18) - letters of support.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.2 - 27.3}

Mr. Dan Anderson, Administrator of the Addictive and Mental
Disorders Division, DPHHS, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a19).

Opponents' Testimony:

Mr. Ed Grogan, Montana Medical Benefits Program,
EXHIBIT(huh52a20) **EXHIBIT**(huh52a21) **EXHIBIT**(huh52a22)
EXHIBIT(huh52a23) **EXHIBIT**(huh52a24).

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27.5 - 2:A:2.8}

Mr. Duane Peterson, Independent Insurance Agent.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.8 - 5.2}

Mr. Roy Lee Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses. **EXHIBIT**(huh52a25) - letter of support.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 5.2 - 9.6}

Mr. Doug Lowney, Montana Association of Life Underwriters.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 9.6 - 14.4}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.5 - 3:A:13.3}

Closing By Sponsor: SEN. WATERMAN closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 13.4 - 16.6}

HEARING ON SB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. LYNCH, SD 19, introduced the
bill.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18.6 - 19.9}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Sami Butler, Montana Nurses Association, **EXHIBIT**(huh52a26) -
letters of support.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.9 - 21.5}

Ms. Frances Guthridge, Advanced Practitioner Nurse,
EXHIBIT (huh52a27) - letters of support.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.5 - 24}

Ms. Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 24.7}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing By Sponsor: SEN. LYNCH closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 24.7 - 25.3}

HEARING ON SB 259

Opening Statement by Sponsor: SEN. GRIMES introduced the bill.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 25.8 - 30.6}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Judith Wang, Missoula Assistant City Attorney,

EXHIBIT (huh52a28) - letters of support.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 30.7 - 3:B:1.1}

Ms. Tootie Welker, Director of the Sanders County Coalition for Families, **EXHIBIT** (huh52a29) **EXHIBIT** (huh52a30).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 1.1 - 4.8}

Ms. Patrina Sims, Member of the Missoula County Family Violence Council and an advocate for the YWCA Pathway's Program, **EXHIBIT** (huh52a31).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8 - 7.1}

Mr. Matthew Dale, Friendship Center.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.1 - 8.5}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Closing by Sponsor: SEN. GRIMES closed. REP. SIMON will carry the bill in the House.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.5 - 11}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 290 - SB 75 & SB 176

Motion/Vote: REP. AHNER moved that SB 290 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.2 - 12.7}

Motion/Vote: REP. MOLNAR moved that SB 75 BE TABLED. Motion carried 11-6 with Dell, Guggenheim, Schmidt, Shockley, Squires, and Williams voting no. No proxy vote was received by REP. HIBBARD.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.3 - 14.9}

Motion: REP. KRENZLER moved that SB 176 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.8 - 17}

Motion/Vote: REP. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 176 BE AMENDED AS IN **EXHIBIT** (huh52a32). Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.1 - 17.9}

Motion: REP. SHOCKLEY moved that SB 176 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.2 - 18.4}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.4 - 26.3}

Motion: REP. MOLNAR moved that SB 176 BE AMENDED, SEE TAPE LOG.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 26.3 - 28.4}

Discussion:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 28.6 - 31.2}

Vote: The question was called for on REP. MOLNAR'S MOTION TO AMEND. Motion failed 7-9 with Ahner, Clark, Davies, Jackson, Molnar, Shockley and Simon voting aye.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 31.3 - 32.4}

Motion/Vote: REP. MOLNAR moved that SB 176 BE TABLED. Motion failed 15-2 with Jackson and Molnar voting aye. No proxy vote was received from REP. HIBBARD.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.5 - 6.1}

Motion/Vote: REP. SIMON moved SB 176 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED BY REVERSING THE VOTE TO TABLE. Motion carried 15-2 with Jackson and Molnar voting no.

{Tape : 4; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1 - 6.4}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.

REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

JAELENE RACICOT, Secretary

LS/JR

EXHIBIT (huh52aad)